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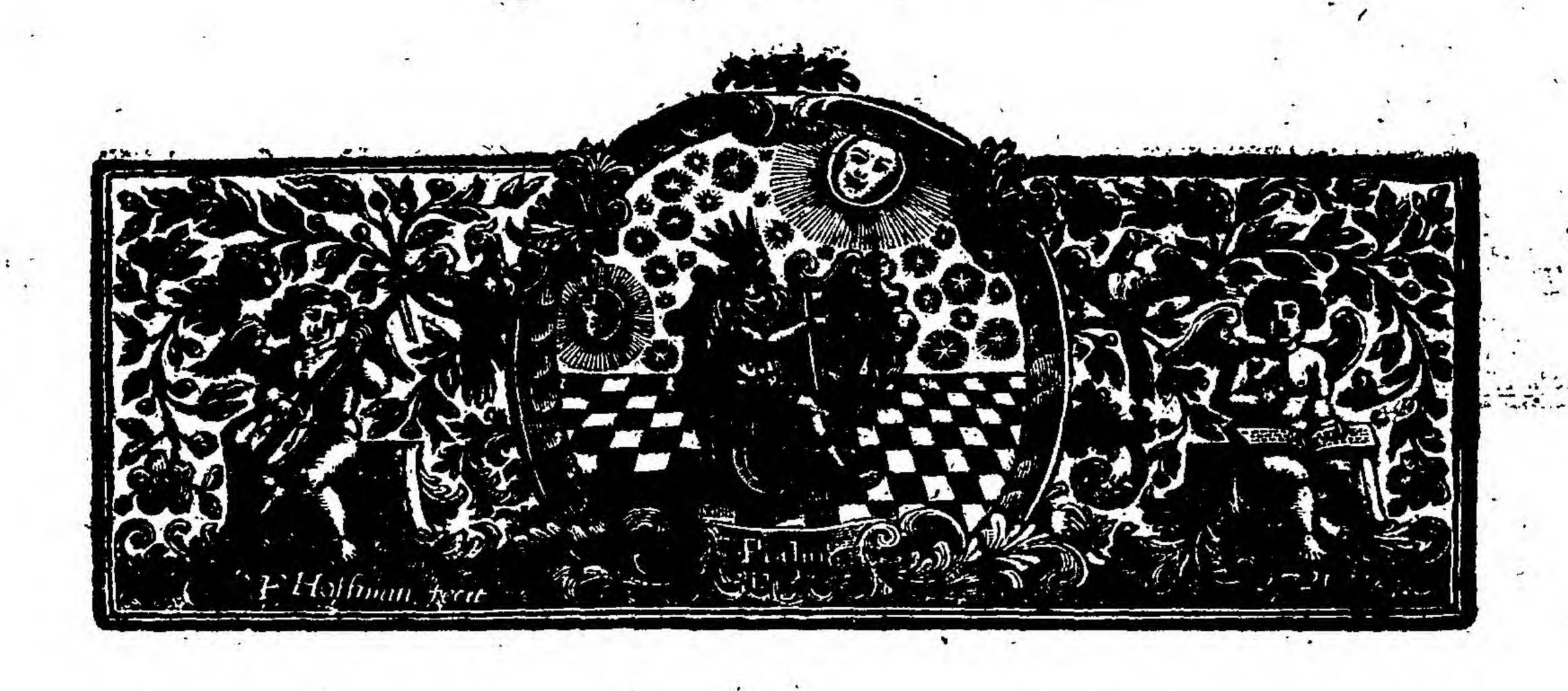
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To my much Honoured Friend

Mr. JOSEPH GREEN,

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Whose agreeable Company I have spent many delightful Hours:

THESE

SIXSONGS

Are most Humbly Dedicated,

By his Obedient Servant

H. CAREY.

The PREFACE.

HE generous Reception my former Performances met with, open'd the Mouth of Envy against me, and gave my Enemies Opportunity to brand me with the Title of Ballad-maker; which, at

that time did me no small Prejudice among the undiscerning Part of Mankind: And so far piqued me, I determin'd never to compose more. But finding on Reslection, that the greatest Poets have made Ballads, nor have the most eminent Musicians disdain'd to set 'em; and that, even during my Silence, many were publish'd by other Hands, with good Success: I alter'd my peevish Resolution, and re-embrac'd my long rejected Muse; hoping, that what was Merit in others, would not be esteem'd a Crime in me. If I understand a-right the Word Ballad, it implies a Song fung at a Ball'*, tho' now it is generally applied to any Song, where two or more Verses are sung to the same Tune; if so, the Odes of the Divine Horace are but Ballads, nor are Tamo tanto, Per la Gloria, and many other excellent Opera Airs I could mention, any better.

It is therefore highly injurious to Poetry and Music, to esteem a Poem the worse for being in Stanzas, or undervalue an Air because it may be sung to more Verses than one.

Were it not for Songs of this Nature, Company would oftentimes grow dull and insipid; why then should good Sense or good Music be depreciated for a Word's sake? And a Poet or Musician derided for supplying the Town

with fuch Helps to Conversation.

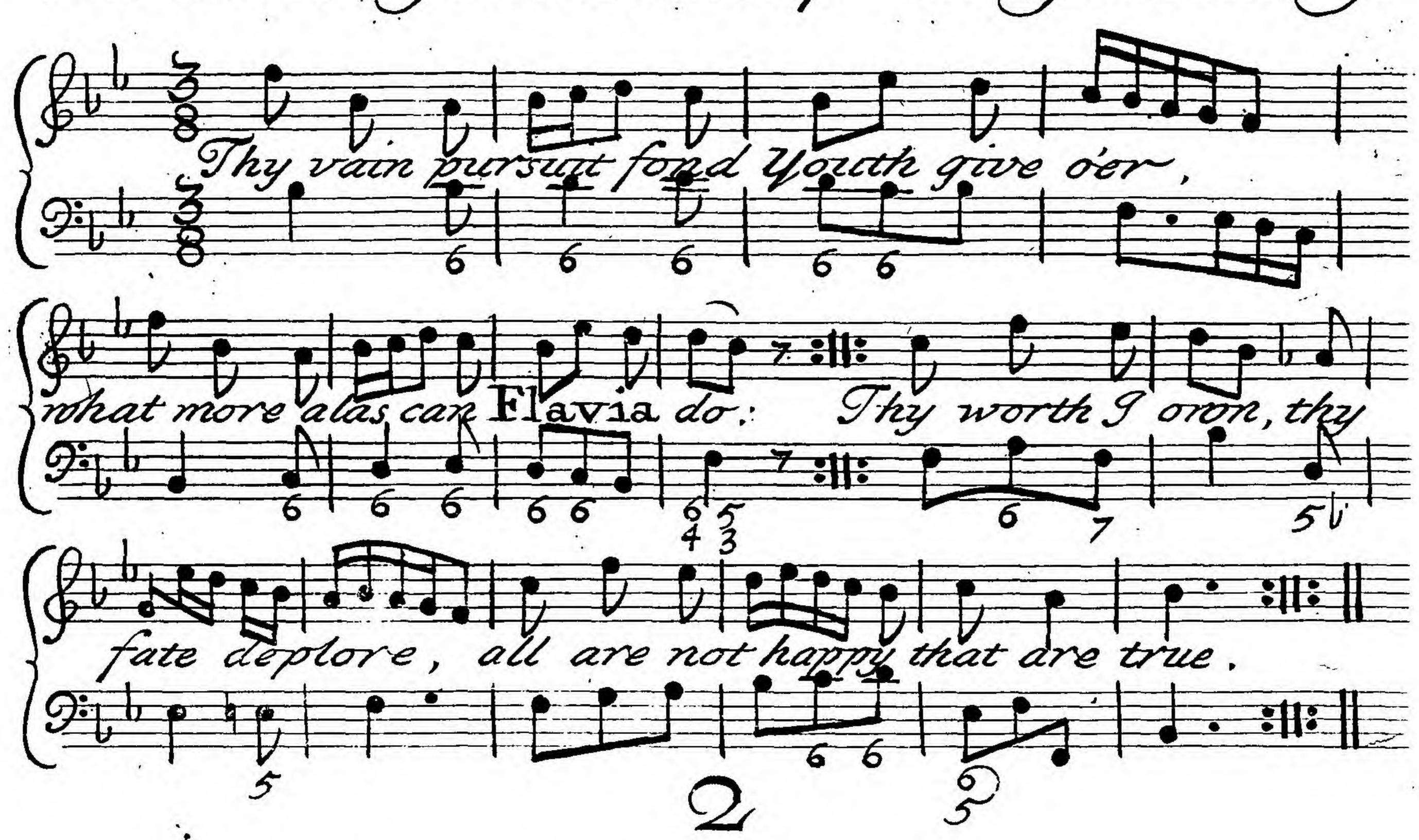
There are, however, many Persons of exquisite Taste, who esteem a Song ne'er the worse for being term'd a Ballad; but, that these slight Airs may not seem my ne plus Ultra, my next Present to the Publick shall be Cantatas: In the mean time I hope, I go to the Elizian Shade, will pass for somewhat more than a Ballad.

Patroniz'd by the Generous and Good, I now despise the Malice of Underlings; nor am I to be laugh'd out of a Talent which may afford Diversion to myFriends, or Profit to my self; but, spight of Envy; I shall in Gratitude for Favours receiv'd, exhibit my little Labours, as Occasion Offers, and these find Encouragement.

^{*}A Balade or Balet, or Roundelay; in French Balade, in Latin Tripudium, a Daunce, quod ejusmodi cantationes apud Gallos tripudiis adaptari soleant. In Spanish Balada from Baylar to daunce. MINSHEI, p. 54.



The Generous Repulse.
The Words by A: Hill. Esq. Set by M. Carey.



Suppress thy sight & weep no more, Should Heav'n & Earth whithee combine; 'Twere all in vain since any pon'r To Crown thy Love, must alter mine.

But if revenge can ease thy pain, I'll sooth the Ills I cannot cure: Tell thee I drag a hopeless chain, And all that I inflict, endure.

For the Flute











